

# Debby Kratovil's Calendar Girls

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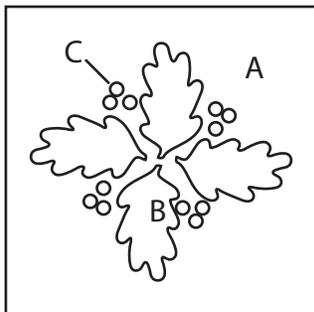
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### Glory Leaves Block



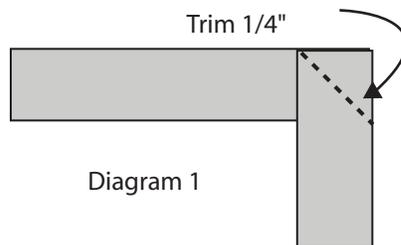
Glory Leaves is the November 21 block and finishes to 12". I find that it's better to cut my background fabric slightly larger than the pattern indicates because the placement of applique patches tends to pull up or shrink the background square. So, instead of cutting this 12-1/2", you may want to cut it 13" or even 13-1/2". Center your patches as you would with any size background squares and when you are finished, you simply trim the background to the required 12-1/2".

If you choose to hand appliqué these patches, remember to add the required 1/4" or even 3/8" seam allowance around all edges of each patch. For raw edge machine applique, you can cut the patch using the template provided, with no need to add any seam allowance. Just remember, when using fusible webbing, you must transfer the webbing to the wrong side of the fabric BEFORE cutting out the patch shape.

I've included a quick lesson on cutting, piecing and sewing binding onto these placemats. I prefer to sew my bindings on from the BACK and then bring them around to the front and use a decorative machine stitch or even a simple zig zag stitch to secure the binding onto the front. No hand work - saves time and saves my increasingly painful thumbs!

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### Straight Cut & Sewn Binding



Cut the required number of strips for each placemat (60" plus 10" for turning the corners and seams). Join them with a diagonal seam as shown in Diagram 1. Trim small triangle and press seam open.

Diagram 1

Joining the strips with diagonal seams instead of a straight set seam distributes the bulk of the seams for ease of sewing to the quilt edges. See Diagram 2.

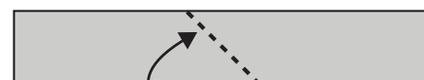


Diagram 2

### ATTACHING THE BINDING

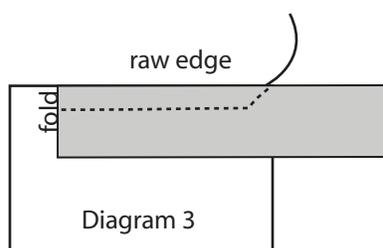


Diagram 3

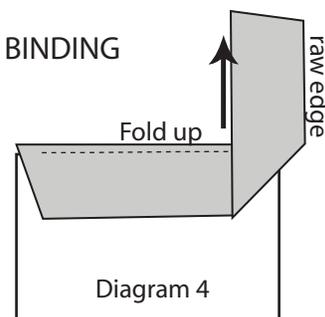


Diagram 4

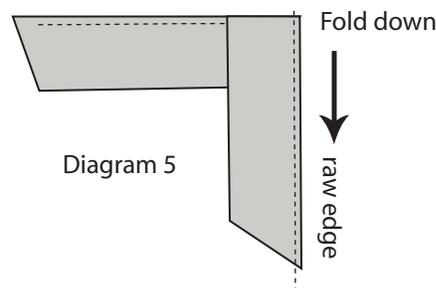


Diagram 5

1. Begin at the center of one side (or the bottom of quilt). Fold the first raw edge under 1/4". Sew with 1/4" seam (diagram 3)
2. When you get within 1/4" of the first corner, stop with needle down and pivot 45 degrees and sew off to the edge (Diagram 3)
3. Remove work from machine, fold "tail" of binding up as shown in Diagram 4. Fold it down upon itself (Diagram 5)
4. Continue stitching down the next side. Repeat Steps 2-3 for the remaining 3 corners.
5. When you get within a few inches of where you began, trim the remaining binding so that you have about 1 inch to tuck under. Continue sewing, catching the last edge of binding within the first one that was folded.